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EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

Patriotic Women Gather in Large Numbers From All Parts of the State—First Session Held Tuesday Evening.

The cause which led to property loss of untold millions and the willing sacrifice of hundreds of thousands of noble lives upon the altar of the Confederacy may have been lost but it is not dead. The fires of patriotism have never burned more brightly in Edgefield during the half century which has elapsed since the fateful day at Appomattox than they are this week.

The Confederate colors adorn the



MRS. C. E. GRAHAM.

streets and buildings; Confederate flags are unfurled to the breeze from practically every corner and place of business; Southern airs, which revive our love and loyalty for the cause and principles for which our fathers fought, are upon the lips of our people. Edgefield has thus been transformed in order to become, in a measure at least, the worthy hostess of the 18th annual convention of the Daughters of the Confederacy of the South Carolina Division. Since early Tuesday morning all incoming trains have brought the flower of the womanhood of South Carolina from all parts of the state as delegates to the convention. Up to this hour (early Wednesday morning) probably 85 delegates have arrived and others are expected to-day.

At the appointed hour last evening, Mrs. C. E. Graham, of Greenville, the president of the South Carolina Division, called the convention to order, at the same time presenting Ex-Gov. John C. Sheppard who, with characteristic grace and eloquence and in words befitting the occasion, welcomed the members of the convention in behalf of the town of Edgefield.

EDGEFIELD CHAPTER.

Mrs. N. G. Evans, representing the Edgefield chapter, followed Gov. Sheppard, giving utterance in a most graceful manner to the following words of welcome:

Sister delegates from kindred chapters, to whom I am appointed by the Edgefield chapter of our order, to greet and welcome to the 18th annual state convention assembled this day to discuss plans for the furtherance of our cause, and to receive reports of your labors of love done by the several chapters during the past year, I have the honor to convey to you in my humble way, words of welcome to our hearts and firesides, and felicitate ourselves upon the privilege we enjoy in having you among us, to partake of our hospitality during your deliberations. We are happy in having so full an attendance upon this important duty, mindful of the fact, that in the multitude of counselors there is wisdom. Representation from 79 chapters from almost every county of our state, composed of the leading women of the holy cause of perpetuating the memory of the Confederate war, for which we are inaugurated, we

greet you. We are proud in having so many of the most distinguished women of South Carolina from the various sections of our state to contribute to the dignity of this assembly, and feel especially honored in the presence of our beloved historical general who has endeared herself to all true daughters by their untiring devotion to this work. In behalf of the Edgefield chapter of the U. D. C., I bid you welcome, thrice welcome to our altars and our homes, and to say to you, that we are proud of your appearance at this congregation of representative women, which is an earnest of the undying interest you feel and express in perpetuating the sacredness of the cause which you and your descendants are handing down to their posterity. We trust the ceremonies inaugurated by the loyal and patriotic women of the Confederacy shall continue as long as the records of the great events which we seek to memorialize shall be illustrated upon the pages of the impartial historian, and transmitted in succession as a proud heritage to our descendants. Conventions are assemblages of delegates for a specific purpose. They are the supreme authority from which are derived the chartered rights of the several organizations of subordinate chapters, subject to the head from which they spring. Conventions are the sources, so to speak, to which the chapters of their creation are responsible for their organization and orderly conduct of

the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I have the honor of bringing to you my cordial welcome of the mission societies of the Episcopal, Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist churches of our town. These societies recognize the fact that as their chief aim is the carrying out of the command of the king of taking or sending the gospel into all the world, that the prime object of the U. D. C. organization is to collect and present to the present generation a true record of the brave deeds and noble achievements of our gallant men of the Confederacy and preserve them for posterity. As Gov. Sheppard and these ladies have told you, and of course, you know, Edgefield is the birthplace of illustrious statesmen and has been the home of brave soldiers. Ladies, these men are our near of kin, their lives we esteem a rich heritage. You may judge therefore, of how greatly we value the work of the Daughters of the Confederacy and of our sense of indebtedness to you. Mission work has ever been and is a potent factor in developing and training woman for her rightful place in the world's work. It seems to me that mission work might truly be said to be the nursery of woman's efforts.

DIXIE AUXILIARY.

A very cordial greeting from the Dixie Auxiliary was extended by Miss Sadie Mims in the following well chosen words:

The Auxiliary Chapters of the United Daughters of the Confederacy have a wonderful heritage to perpetuate not alone the glorious deeds and courage of their grandparents who made and fought for the Confederate principals, but the heroism of their mothers and fathers who have so zealously kept the memory fires burning on the altar.

We must indeed be valorous and noble to be worthy of such inheritance. Our most loving gratitude is due this united band of South Carolina Daughters of the Confederacy that they have encouraged our existence as an organization, that we may also perpetuate both now and in coming years, the hallowed memories which you have bequeathed to us in song and story.

We have been looking forward for several months to your coming and your stay among us, and now that we see and know you better, we wonder that we waited so patiently for a pleasure which, as the days of your visit succeed each other will become more keen and delightful.

We are yours, and to serve in anyway possible these congenial guests will be to us a great pleasure.

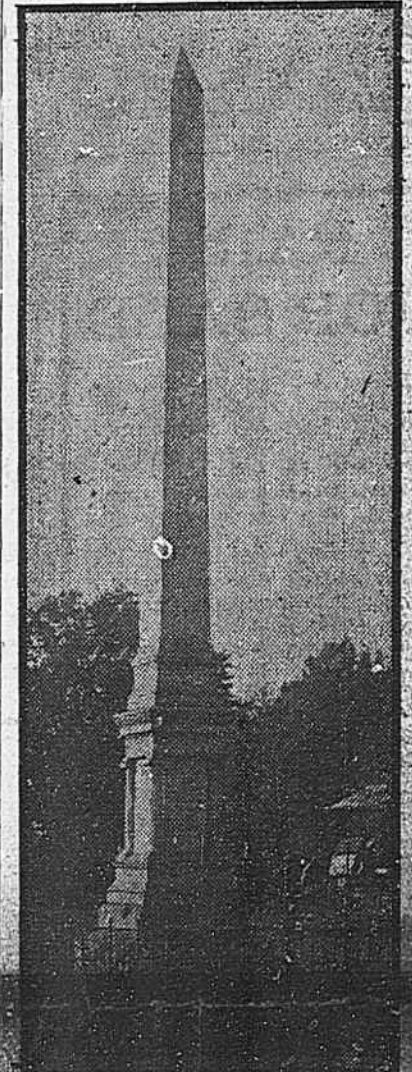
As representative of the Dixie Auxiliary, we have vied with the Edgefield chapter in bidding you welcome and to-morrow afternoon at our reception given in your honor, we will be able to extend to you a more cordial and affectionate greeting. In the name of the Dixie

Auxiliary of the Edgefield Daughters of the Confederacy, in behalf of each member and all they represent, I bid you a most cordial welcome.

EDGEFIELD MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

Representing all of the missionary societies of Edgefield, Mrs. Thomas H. Rainsford very becomingly welcomed the members of the convention as follows:

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The ladies of these mission societies wish to assure you of their appreciation of your work of their sympathy, of their desire to be useful and helpful to you, and of the earnest hope that while among us you may be conscious of an atmosphere of loyal Christian sisterhood.

Ladies, we are glad to have you with us and do trust that while here you may experience the genuineness of the welcome that we extend to you.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

Mrs. J. L. Mims extended a welcome from the W. C. T. U.

One of the most wonderful and prophetic achievements of the age is the efficient and wide-spread organization of women. It seems that they are specifically gifted and privileged with power for united endeavor. Their attention to detail, their humanitarian motives and their faith in their own vision impels and compels them to the most remarkable collective service that the world has ever seen. God is working his purpose out largely through these instrumentalities.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union in whose behalf I welcome you this evening is the organized mother love of the world working for happier homes and safer streets for our children to frequent. We are seeking to make heroes and heroines of the present age by eliminating from their environment on the street and in the home, everything which would destroy and vitiate, thus ennobling them and making preparation for a more strenuous and higher warfare perhaps than the world has ever known, "for peace hath her victories no less renowned than war."

Frances Willard was the founder of this largest Woman's organization in the world and there is a relationship between her service to humanity and that of every Woman's organization. She said that "God had indicated Woman the born conservator of the home to be the Nemesis of home's arch enemy, King Alcohol. And forty years ago with faith in her vision, she withstood the hurricane of public sentiment against the advent of women on the public stage of action. She went from state to state and visited every town and city of 5,000 and over in the whole United States and many smaller ones, and therein her winsome and modest, but determined way contrary to all established precedent, she admonished against that common and fortress foe of all mankind, the demon Alcohol and his satellites. As she spoke before great audiences and august assemblies of all kinds it is said that those who went to scoff, lost their antagonism and were won by her eloquence and her magic presence. She was like the sunshine to melt the coldness and hardness of prejudice, and here tonight all over our land where women gather and their efforts are

small and pioneer and heroine of the past, that opothecism of womanhood, Frances Willard, who made "the widening way" easier for succeeding generations to follow.

Her first trip through the southern states makes an epoch in history. She was of the north, we of the south. It was the first ray of light that had come into our lives since the war, said one gentle woman of the south. We had been sitting dumb and crushed amid the wreckage of the past, and it seemed that there was no future for us, but Miss Willard came and held out that little white hand, and its clasp gave us new heart and new hope. She made the white ribbon God's olive branch of peace.

Bishop Stevens who as Col. Stevens commanded the battery that fired the first shot at Fort Sumter, introduced Miss Willard to her first Southern audience in Charleston. At the next national convention which met in Washington, D. C., when Southern women for the first time sat side by side with their northern sisters, saying to the beloved president of them all, "We have enlisted with you to wage a peaceful war, for God and Home and Native land."

The poet Lowell said of her, "She knew the power of banded ill But felt that love was stronger still And organized for doing good The world's united womanhood."

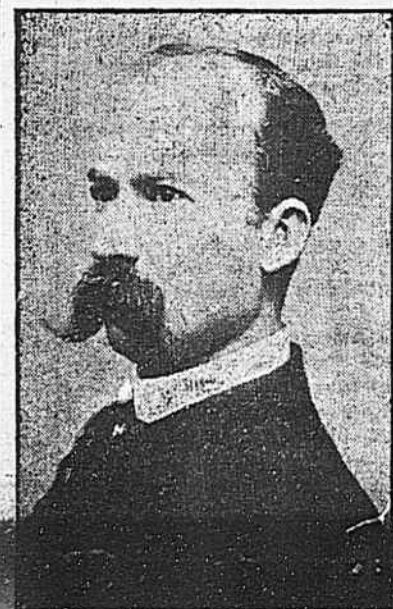
The Woman's Christian Temperance Union recognizes the great power of organized enterprise, and their motto, "agitate, educate, organize" may well be the motto of every body instituted for prosecuting aggressive movements or perpetuating heroic services of the past. And so recognizing the peculiar value of this collective service of women in the United Daughters of the Confederacy, many of us are also members of this great gathering here this evening.

Our fathers were the gray and endeared the hardships of the sixties and are gone to their reward. But the most courageous man or woman is not always the one who faces shot and shell, but the one who is willing in the face of entrenched superstition and prejudice to follow the impelling conviction.

And so this magnificent body of women whom I look upon this evening here, lived the early days of the new south, persistently planted their colors, and defying the taunts of the north and perhaps some at their own firesides, have said, we will loyally maintain the honor and memory of our fathers. Even in

their apparent defeat, "we are the Home Guard that never surrenders." We stand by their flag and will honor them, not alone by our study and records of history, but in a more tangible way we build to them monuments of stone and bronze, that which centuries will not destroy, nor ages crumble into dust, that those who come after us will look upon these evidences of loyalty which we have established, lest they forget.

The women of the United Daughters of the Confederacy must be honored for the fact that but for them the graves of the unknown dead to-day would lie unmarked and the last resting place of heroes would have largely been forgotten—there would have been few Confederate monuments to adorn our public thoroughfares, standing as they do a memorial to manly courage and womanly devotion and an everlasting rebuke to cowardice and treachery. The memorial days which have been institutionalized throughout our southland would have probably ceased and for-



GOV. JOHN C. SHEPPARD.

gotten. Perhaps the greatest reward for the labors of love of the Daughters of the Confederacy is the fact that in spite of the dreariness of defeat and the anathemas of the enemy, they have kept and crystallized a sentiment holding dear the memory of the Confederate soldier and the cause for which he fought.

The women of the world are vastly organized and for great and good ends. We are all different, and yet we are all one. All the battles of the late war were not fought around Richmond. Some of our beloved fell at Gettysburg, some at Manassas, some around Charleston, but they all bore arms for the Confederate States of America.

And so we may not meet every day around the campfires of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, nor of the South Carolina Federation of clubs nor of the Daughters of the American Revolution nor of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, nor even so often as we should around the altars of our missionary societies, but bye and bye the Harvest Home will come and we shall hear the call of that trumpet that never sounds retreat.

For the glorious achievements which you have attained and for your deeds which speak for you, in behalf of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Edgefield, I extend to you a most cordial welcome.

The Hon. S. McGowan Simkins next presented to the convention a "History of the Edgefield Soldiers", which was written by the historian of the Edgefield chapter, Mrs. A. A. Woodson, after much careful research had been made. In addition to recounting the heroic deeds of the men who went to the front from this county, Mrs. Woodson embodied a sketch of the work of the Edgefield chapter. This series of volumes will be a valuable addition to the records that are preserved by the historian of the South Carolina Division. In a subsequent issue The Advertiser will publish a notice more in detail concerning this production of Mrs. Woodson. Mr. Simkins presented the books to the president in a most pleasing manner, giving at the same time utterance to words concerning the work of the women that were apropos. Variety and charm were given to

the exercises of the evening by inspiring vocal solos that were rendered by Miss Nannie Gunter and Miss Madge Turner, both of whom were accompanied on the piano by M. s. Mamie N. Tillman.

Gen. U. R. Brooks of Columbia, who is greatly beloved by the members of the South Carolina Division, was next presented by the president. The speaker announced that his subject would be "What Women Have Done for the World." In the course of his address Gen. Brooks read a beautiful tribute by Col. Preston Brooks to an Edgefield woman, Mrs. Mary E. Tillman, who sent her husband and three sons to the Mexican war, which was delivered in the halls of Congress 57 years ago. Gen. Brooks is a native of Edgefield and he always receives a warm welcome from his Edgefield friends when he comes among them.

The piece de resistance of the evening was the response to the addresses of welcome which was delivered by Miss Lumpkin of Columbia. On many similar occasions in South Carolina this talented young lady, herself a Daughter of the Confederacy, to which heritage she refers with pride, has won plaudits of admiring assemblies, and the people of Edgefield had previously heard of her gifts as an elocutionist but the half had not been told. The president made indeed a happy selection when she requested Miss Lumpkin to respond in behalf of the convention.

The closing feature of the evening's exercise was the address of the president, Mrs. C. E. Graham, which showed that under her leadership the work of the South Carolina division has greatly prospered. The Advertiser will publish her address in full next

The Bonnie Blue Flag.

[Written April, 1861, and Immensely Popular.]

The first flag of the South was of solid blue, with one white star:

We are a band of brothers
And native to the soil.
Fighting for the property
We gained by honest toil.
And when our rights were threatened,
The cry rose near and far—
"Hurrah for the Bonnie Blue Flag
That bears the single star!"

Chorus.
Hurrah! Hurrah!
For southern rights, hurrah!
Hurrah for the Bonnie Blue Flag
That bears the single star.

As long as e'er the Union
Was faithful to her trust,
Like friends and like brothers
Both kind were we and just;
But now, when northern treachery
Attempts our rights to mar,
We hoist on high the Bonnie Blue Flag
That bears the single star.

Chorus.
First gallant South Carolina
Nobly made the stand,
Then came Alabama,
Who took her by the hand;
Next quickly Mississippi,
Georgia and Florida,
All raised on high the Bonnie Blue Flag
That bears the single star.

Chorus.
And here's to old Virginia—
The Old Dominion State—
With the young Confederacy
At length has linked her fate.
Impelled by her example,
Now other states prepare
To hoist on high the Bonnie Blue Flag
That bears the single star.

Chorus.
Then here's to our Confed' racy,
Strong are we and brave,
Like patriots of old we'll fight
Our heritage to save.
And rather than submit to shame,
To die we would prefer;
So cheer for the Bonnie Blue Flag
That bears the single star.

Chorus.
Then cheer boys, cheer!
Raise the joyous shout.
For Arkansas and North Carolina
Now have both gone out:
And let another rousing cheer
For Tennessee be given,
The single star of the Bonnie Blue Flag
Has grown to be eleven.

Chorus.
Beautiful assortment of velvet,
Axminster, Ingrain, Wilton and
Brussels art squares 9x12. Smaller
rugs to match.

Ramsey & Jones.